

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HARDEN VILLAGE COUNCILLORS
HELD ONLINE ON 9th MARCH 2023 AT 7.15PM**

Present: Cllr Kay Kirkham (Chair)
Cllr Gerwyn Bryan
Cllr Alun Kitsell
Cllr Amy Wood
Cllr Falak Ahmed
Ken Eastwood (Clerk)

1/03/23 Apologies for Absence

None.

2/03/23 Disclosures of Interest

None.

3/03/23 Minutes of Meetings

a) The minutes of the Village Council meeting held on 9th February, 2023 were proposed as a correct record by Cllr Wood.

b) The outstanding issues report was duly noted and the following matters discussed: -

- Cllr Wood stated a litter pick will be held on Saturday morning. The Green Action Group will be holding an event on Earth Day, 22nd April. A member of the group has been to the school to talk to their eco group. The school will have a stall at the event. The group are meeting next week to consider how to promote the event. Cllr Wood has prepared instructions for use of the thermal imaging camera and a checklist with links to additional guidance.
- The Clerk has sent an illustration of the welcome sign to Bradford Council asking who to contact with regard to consent to locate the sign in the grass verge on Harden Road. He has been working with Cllr Kirkham, collating suitable photographs and location details for key assets to be included in the design.
- The Clerk has contacted a number of steel fabricators requesting proposals and prices for work to the war memorial and former telephone kiosk.

4/03/23 Public Representation

None.

5/03/23 Exchange of Information

Cllr Ahmed mentioned issues in Harden Park that had been addressed.

6/03/23 Local Council Elections

Councillors discussed the upcoming local elections and considered further steps to encourage Harden residents to consider becoming a local village councillor. The Clerk was asked to contact local groups about the matter. Councillors agreed to arrange to meet in the near future to collectively complete nomination papers.

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7/03/23 Village Warden

The Clerk summarised a report with regard to an initiative taken forward by a nearby Village Council. Councillors discussed whether Harden Village Council should employ a part time village warden, or continue to fund (in principle) a shared Environmental Services Operative through Bradford Council. The Clerk was asked to prepare a job description and further detail on possible costs, for consideration at a future meeting.

8/03/23 Correspondence

Councillors discussed and noted the following correspondence: -

- a) Email from a resident about Wilsden Road traffic bollards and about electric vehicle charging points. The Clerk stated that the bollards issue would be raised at the next Ward Partnerships meeting. He had also been given contact details for the lead officer for EV charging points across the district. He was asked to make contact and discuss the possible installation of charging points in St Ives.
- b) Email from a resident about vehicles parking on Wilsden Road grass verge. The Clerk's response was noted. Cllr Kirkham observed that pavement parking was a particular issue in Harden.
- c) Email from Shipley Area Office re. active travel grants. Noted. The Clerk was asked to raise the issue of funding bid timescales with the Area Office.
- d) Email from Bradford Council re. community grit bin. Noted.

9/03/23 Financial Matters

- a) The Clerk stated he will, **under delegation**, ask two Councillors to make the following online payments: -

Payee	Amount	Description
Bradford Council	£2,174.29	Payroll
Ken Eastwood	£87.37	Mileage expenses, laptop mouse and stamps
Impress Printers Ltd	£175	Leaflet printing
Roger Smith	£100	Leaflet delivery
Buttercrumble Limited	£1,393.92	Graphic design (welcome map)
Harden Congregational Church	£25	Room hire
Society of Local Council Clerks	£222	Annual membership

- b) Councillors noted the balances and bank reconciliation presented to the meeting.

10/03/23 Minor Items and Items for Next Agenda

None.

11/03/23 Next Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 13th April 2023, at 7.00pm. The next Village Council meeting will follow at 7.15pm. The Chair closed the meeting at 7.51pm.

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